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SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Your attempt eventually though is to affect existing ones or just new ones?

SENATOR BEUTLER: Just new ones.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank...

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: This amendment, even though it doesn't look that bad on its face, I think has the potential to be very damaging. I think especially in the Scottsbluff area. That area, again, is one that I'm most concerned about 'cause I think that's an area that is expanding fairly rapidly out there with especially cattle, and I think it's an area that would put extreme hardship on a lot of individuals that will be expanding, as they have been over the last several years. So I...this amendment, even though, like I said, it doesn't look that bad, I think it's something that has more behind it than what it actually shows and I would oppose it at this time. Thank you.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Thank you, Senator. Senator Bohlke, you are recognized to speak.

SENATOR BOHLKE: Madam President and members, I think this is my third time and final time, so you won't have to listen to me again on this issue. Once again, I think that this...you've heard from other people on the floor who have not been that involved in the discussion supporting Senator Beutler on this amendment. I certainly think it's one that's very reasonable, one that certainly is consistent with the bill, and I hope one that we can support, and what I think gives real direction rather than just leaving it to DEQ but actually placing in statute what we hope to do to protect the watershed from those bringing outside waste back into the watershed. And, like Senator Dierks, I'm concerned about if we are using those correct numbers and, until all of this is settled, I think we need to certainly be on the more conservative side in offering the limita...the expansion that we would allow. I think we've done that. I think we've worked very, very diligently with the industry to bring something reasonable. I certainly do not